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SUBJ: PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR MPLA CONGRESS MEETS

1. FIRST ROUND OF PREPARATORY MEETINGS, WHICH BEGAN IN LUSAKA JULY 4, FOR FORTHCOMING MPLA CONGRESS CONCLUDED JULY 11 WITH ANNOUNCEMENT MANY IMPORTANT POINTS HAD BEEN SOLVED. LOCAL PRESS REPORTED MPLA SPOKESMAN SAID PREPARATORY COMMITTEE INCLUDED REPRESENTATIVES FROM THREE MPLA FACTIONS, IDENTIFIED ONLY AS THE "MPLA AUTHORITY, THE EASTERN FRONT REVOLT, AND THE ACTIVE MILITANT REVOLT." SPOKESMAN FOR CONFEREES EXPRESSED SOLIDARITY OF FEUDING FACTIONS IN FIGHT AGAINST PORTUGUESE COLONIALISM. SAID FORTHCOMING CONGRESS WILL SHOW MPLA IS "INCONTESTABLE VANGUARD OF THE ANGOLAN PEOPLE."

2. PREPARATIONS FOR CONGRESS ARE PROCEEDING SLOWLY DUE TO ABSENCE OF MPLA PRESIDENT AGOSTINHO NETO AND HIS SUPPORTERS. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS CHIPENDA FACTIONS AND "BRAZZAVILLE INTELLECTUALS" PLUS AT LEAST TWO DELEGATES FROM LUANDA ARE NOW IN LUSAKA FOR CONGRESS, BUT THERE STILL NO FIRM STARTING DATE.
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PREPARATORY SESSIONS HAVE BEEN TAKING PLACE IN MINISTRY OF

DEFENSE OFFICES IN CENTRAL LUSAKA. AT THIS TIME THERE CONSIDER-
ABLE DOUBT FULL CONGRESS COMPRISING ALL MPLA FACTIONS WILL BE
HELD. GRZ INCREASINGLY IMPATIENT ABOUT EVIDENT LACK OF DESIRE
WORK TOGETHER OF VARIOUS ANGOLAN ELEMENTS.
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